

BCS-F Retired Member Status & Standards

What is Retired Member Status and why does it matter?

BCS-F Retired Member Status is awarded in recognition of previous specialty certification (or recognition prior to January 1, 2014) in fluency and fluency disorders. An application is submitted, based upon the *Standards for BCS-F Retired Member Status* listed below, and upon acceptance an individual is awarded with a certificate of Retired Member Status by the ABFFD, kept informed of current ABFFD happenings, and included on all lists of BCS-F.

A survey of BRS-FD in 2008 conducted by the fluency board revealed support for BCS-F Retired Member Status pertaining to those who want to remain active and involved. Fluency Specialists with long careers in clinical work, research, and service to the profession are valuable volunteers, teachers and advisors. Retired Member status indicates to consumers that the specialist had obtained a significant milestone in terms of number of years of practice. Retired specialists are *natural promoters of specialty certification*.

Standards for BCS-F Retired Member Status

The following standards need to be met in order to submit an application:

- 1) Applicant must be age 65 **OR** have held ASHA certification (CCC) for a total of 25 years
- 2) Applicant **must hold** active specialty certification in fluency (BCS-F) at time of retired certification holder status application **OR must have held** the status of a certified (recognized) specialist at the time of retirement
- 3) Must have held fluency specialty certification (recognition) for ten years (not necessarily consecutive)

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